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Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group (DTG)

May 2012 Minutes

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I. Present: Claire Carswell, Tarajee Pass, Miriam Stein, Cheryl Hamilton, Esther Kingston-Mann, Deanna Wamae

II. Minutes Approval

Committee members approved the Draft Minutes of the April 2011 meeting

III. Agenda discussion

- Committee welcomed new chairs Tarajee and Claire and new members Deanna and Esther.
- Committee members reported on their progress with phone calls from Census Outreach plan— most members still had calls to make and will report back at next meeting.
- Miriam gave an update on the Hiring Professional Staff of Color progress in Arlington school system. This led to a discussion on how to engage students in ADTG activities and members' personal experience with racial diversity/tolerance in schools either in Arlington or their former schools.
- Committee continued to discuss potential diversity related activities for the group after the summer break including developing a mural/public arts project, storytelling, photo contest, organizing a series of discussions, booth at town day, etc. Group decided that the first step will be to reconvene the diversity related organizations throughout Arlington for a sharing session, which was successful in the past. Members volunteered to gather contacts from the past sessions and to discuss agenda/format at the next meeting before contacting partners.
- Esther updated the committee on diversity/inclusion activities at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist church and the success they have found through their programs particularly around racism.
- Members also going to follow up with Susan Lees on "Welcoming Arlington" activities and report back at next meeting on potential collaboration.
- Members exchanged information on upcoming diversity related events; including but not limited to Town Day, the International Film Festival and the Vision 2020 pot luck on June 19th.